

SIDE BY SIDE: WILSON & CLINTON WETLANDS POLICIES

<u>Policy Issue</u>	<u>Wilson Policy</u>	<u>Clinton Policy</u>
Goals & Objectives	<p>No net loss & long term net gain of wetlands</p> <p>Reduce procedural complexity in administration of wetlands programs</p> <p>Encourage partnerships to make incentives and other non-regulatory programs the primary focus of wetlands conservation in CA</p> <p>Supports establishment of specific acreage increase goals once inventory is complete</p>	<p>No net loss and long term net gain of wetlands</p> <p>Make regulation more fair, efficient, flexible, and predictable</p> <p>Make non-regulatory programs the primary means to accomplish long term wetlands gains</p> <p>Expand partnerships to promote watershed planning</p> <p>Use the best available science</p>
Regulation/Streamlining	<p>Promotes delegation of Section 404 program to State, beginning in San Francisco Bay Area</p> <p>Promotes establishment of firm time deadlines for wetlands permits</p> <p>Initiates process to create uniform regulatory standards and guidelines</p> <p>Better coordination and information sharing between regulatory agencies</p>	<p>Emphasizes state and local government roles, including support for 404 delegation</p> <p>Promotes establishment of firm time deadlines for wetlands permits</p> <p>Establishes new administrative appeals process to save money and time</p> <p>Clarifies and expands scope of activities regulated under Section 404 to include wetlands drainage, etc.</p> <p>Applies different permitting standards to small projects of "minor" environmental impact</p> <p>Rescinds "Alaska 1% rule"</p>

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<p>Definition & Delineation</p>	<p>Supports development of single definition for use in regulation which recognizes California's "unique wetland types"</p> <p>Supports use of 1987 federal delineation manual until upcoming NAS study results are released</p>	<p>Recommends that all federal agencies use slightly expanded Corps/EPA "three parameter" definition which would specifically include vernal pools</p> <p>Supports use of 1987 federal delineation manual until upcoming NAS study results are released</p>
<p>Flexibility for Ag.</p>	<p>State regulations will exclude "prior converted croplands," as defined by the federal govt.</p> <p>Encourages regulatory flexibility in situations in which wetlands are created unintentionally</p> <p>Encourages regulatory flexibility to allow public agencies and water districts to create wetlands but later remove them if the wetlands conflict with the primary purpose to which the property is devoted</p>	<p>Ensures that "prior converted croplands" maintain exemptions from federal regulation</p> <p>Clarifies that certain man-made wetlands are not jurisdictional</p> <p>U.S. Soil Conservation Service becomes lead agency responsible for identifying wetlands on federal land</p>

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Incentives	<p>Support for increased funding of federal Wetlands Reserve Program</p> <p>Promotes public/private partnerships such as CVHJV to increase wetlands habitat</p> <p>Support for "ricelands" project, including potential expansion to other crops/geographic areas</p> <p>Support for passage of natural resources bond act to fund acquisition/incentive projects</p> <p>Publication of wetlands landowners assistance guide</p>	<p>Supports increase in funding for Wetlands Reserve Program</p> <p>Promotes wetlands restoration through "voluntary, cooperative programs and outreach activities"</p>
Mitigation Banks	<p>Supports development of mitigation banking guidelines which: i) recognize regional concerns, ii) contain flexible mitigation ratios, iii) are consistent with Corps and EPA guidelines</p>	<p>Supports development of mitigation banks, pursuant to EPA and Corps rules</p>
Wetlands Planning	<p>Encourages efforts by local and regional governments to incorporate wetlands into planning processes through mechanisms such as watershed plans, advanced identification of wetlands, and floodplain management</p>	<p>Supports state wetlands conservation plans</p> <p>"Strongly supports" watershed planning</p> <p>Supports wetlands categorization in the local or watershed context</p>
Wetlands Inventory	<p>Establishes statewide wetlands inventory building on existing data</p> <p>Advocates establishment of statewide and regional restoration and enhancement goals once inventory is complete</p>	<p>Does not propose a national inventory</p>

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Flood Management	<p>Establishes pilot wetlands/flood control project in Yolo Basin</p> <p>Asks state agencies to develop internal policies which reflect the convergence of wetlands and flood control values</p>	<p>Contains general policy statement supporting the use of wetlands and other non-structural features as a key component of federal flood control policy</p>
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